

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (Currently amended) An oral composition for inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria including a bioactive agent, and an oral pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said bioactive agent included in an amount effective to inhibit inflammation of oral tissue comprises:

about 5.0 wt% to 15 wt% of a holistic extract of the *Centipeda* genus obtained by extracting with water and alcohol mixtures;

about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% coenzyme Q10;

about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% aloe vera;

about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% folic acid;

about 2 wt% to 10 wt% Vitamin E;

gota kola;

bio-saponin;

thyme oil, [[and]]

olive leaf; and

about 1.0 wt% to about 10 wt% of chlorophyll, peppermint oil, oregano oil, lavender oil, clove bud oil, eucalyptus oil, cinnamon bark oil, prickly ash bark extract, calendula extract, echinacea extract, chamomile extract, black walnut hull extract, grapefruit seed extract, and green tea extract;

wherein the percentages are based on total weight of the bioactive agent and where said composition includes 5 wt% to 25 wt% of said bioactive agent based on the total weight of the composition.

2. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said bioactive agent is included in the oral composition in an amount of 5 wt% to 15 wt% based on the weight of the composition, and said composition comprises about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of said extract of the *Centipeda* genus based on the weight of the composition.

3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said extract of the *Centipeda* genus is *Centipeda cunninghami*.

Claims 4-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition contains about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% of an extract of *Centipeda cunninghami* as said extract of *Centipeda* genus, about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract, about 0.01 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10, and about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% folic acid based on the total weight of the composition.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) An oral composition for inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria, wherein said composition includes an effective amount of a bioactive agent which comprises:

about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract;

about 0.05 wt% to about 0.2 wt% folic acid;

about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% prickly ash bark extract;

about 1.0 wt% to about 1.5 wt% calendula extract;

about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% echinacea extract;

about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% gota kola extract;

about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% chamomile extract;

about 0.5 wt% to about 1.0 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;

about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% olive leaf extract;

about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% black walnut hull extract;

about 0.03 wt% to about 0.1 wt% grape fruit seed extract;

about 0.01 wt% to about 1.0 wt% green tea extract;

less than 0.1 wt% chlorophyll;

about 1.5 wt% to about 2.5 wt% peppermint oil;

about 0.2 wt% to about 1.0 wt% oregano oil;

about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% lavender oil;

about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% clove bud oil;

about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% thyme oil;

about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% eucalyptus oil;

about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% cinnamon bark oil;

about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% bio-saponin; and

about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10;

wherein said percentages are based on the weight of the composition.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is a liquid, cream, gel or paste.

12. (Currently amended) An oral composition comprising a bioactive agent for inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria, treating inflammation of gum tissue and promoting cell renewal, the bioactive agent including *Centipeda cunninghami* extract, coenzyme Q10, aloe vera and folic acid, the composition comprising:

0.5 wt% to 1.0 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract in an amount to inhibit inflammation of oral tissue and promote cell renewal;

0.1 wt% to 0.4 wt% coenzyme Q10;

0.5 to 1.5 wt% aloe vera;

0.5 wt% to 1.0 wt% folic acid; and

~~an antiseptic agent consisting essentially~~ a mixture of Vitamin E, oregano oil, clove oil, oil of lavender, thyme oil, bio-saponin, gota kola, chlorophyll, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, cinnamon bark oil, prickly ash bark extract, calendula extract, echinacea extract, chamomile extract, olive leaf extract, black walnut hull extract, grapefruit seed extract, and green tea extract in an amount to inhibit the growth of oral bacteria and treat inflammation;

wherein the percentages are based on the weight of the composition.

13. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 12, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 12, wherein said *Centipeda cunninghami* extract is a holistic extract and contains an alcohol soluble fraction and a water soluble fraction.

Claims 17-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) A method of treating periodontal infection, inhibiting the growth of oral bacteria and treating inflammation comprising:

topically applying a composition to a target site of an animal in need thereof in an amount effective to inhibit bacterial growth and reduce inflammation of gum tissue caused by periodontal infection, said composition including a bioactive agent comprising about 10 wt% to 35 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract, about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% coenzyme Q10, about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% folic acid, and about 10 wt% to about 35 wt% aloe vera gel and about 1.0 wt% to 10 wt% of oregano oil, clove oil, oil of lavender, thyme oil and gota kola based on the weight of the bioactive agent, whereby said composition comprises:

0.5 wt% to 1.0 wt% of a *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;

0.1 wt% to 0.4 wt% coenzyme Q10;

0.5 wt% to 1.5 wt% aloe vera;

0.5 wt% to 1.0 wt% folic acid, where said percentages are based on the weight of the composition; and

~~an antiseptic agent consisting essentially of a mixture of oregano oil, clove oil, oil of lavender, thyme oil, bio-saponin, gota kola, chlorophyll, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil,~~

cinnamon bark oil, bio-saponin, folic acid, prickly ash bark extract, calendula extract, echinacea extract, chamomile extract, olive leaf extract, black walnut hull extract, grapefruit seed extract, and green tea extract in an amount to inhibit the growth of oral bacteria and treat inflammation where said components are included in an amount of 1.0 wt% to 10 wt% based on the weight of the bioactive agent; and

about 2 wt% to about 10 wt% Vitamin E based on the weight of the bioactive agent.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

24. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said composition is a paste or gel, and said method comprises applying said composition directly to infected gum surfaces.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said composition is an aqueous rinse and said method comprises rinsing said target site with said composition.

26. (Previously presented) A method of treating periodontal infection and inhibiting growth of oral bacteria and treating inflammation by applying a composition to a target site, wherein said composition comprises:

about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% aloe vera extract;

about 0.05 wt% to about 0.2 wt% folic acid;

about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% prickly ash bark extract;

about 1.0 wt% to about 1.5 wt% calendula extract;

about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% echinacea extract;

about 0.25 wt% to about 0.75 wt% gota kola extract;
about 0.75 wt% to about 1.5 wt% chamomile extract;
about 0.5 wt% to about 1.0 wt% *Centipeda cunninghami* extract;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% olive leaf extract;
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% black walnut hull extract;
about 0.03 wt% to about 0.1 wt% grape fruit seed extract;
about 0.01 wt% to about 1.0 wt% green tea extract;
less than 0.1 wt% chlorophyll;
about 1.5 wt% to about 2.5 wt% peppermint oil;
about 0.2 wt% to about 1.0 wt% oregano oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% lavender oil;
about 0.1 wt% to about 0.5 wt% clove bud oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% thyme oil;
about 0.05 wt% to about 0.1 wt% eucalyptus oil;
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% cinnamon bark oil;
about 0.5 wt% to about 1.5 wt% bio-saponin; and
about 0.02 wt% to about 0.1 wt% coenzyme Q10,

wherein each of said extracts is included in an effective amount to treat inflammation and inhibit growth of oral bacteria and where the percentages are based on the weight of the composition.

Claims 27-33 (Cancelled)